

Claims

We claim:

1. A method for tracking costs incurred by an entity comprising a plurality of groups, said method comprising:
 - receiving billing information from a provider;
 - reading a business model file comprising various business dimensions within said entity; and
 - allocating the billing information by the various business dimensions.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said business dimensions comprise business processes, organizational information, and associated business performance metrics.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein
 - said organizational information includes a plurality of groups, wherein
 - one of said plurality of groups comprises a plurality of sub-groups; and
 - said separating step further comprises determining costs incurred by each of said sub-groups and determining costs incurred by each of said groups.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein said reading step comprises:
 - determining the internal structure of the entity, including various groups and sub-groups within the entity;
 - determining the billing details of each group within the entity;
 - determining the value drivers of the entity; and
 - determining application profiles of the entity.